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ERRORS DURING PRINTING IN A MAIL PROCESSING

DEVICE"

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SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,467,901

AB United States Patent No. 6,247,774

AC United States Patent No. 5,912,979

AD United States Patent No. 5,710,721

AE United States Patent No. 5,488,687

AF United States Patent No. 5.337,248

AL German OS 100 60 454

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AA was identified and discussed at page 2 of the present specification (albeit with a typographical error) and corresponds to German OS 100 32 855 (also cited at page 2 of the present specification with a typographical error).

The remaining references were cited in Search Reports rendered by the German Patent and Trademark Office and the European Patent Office during

examination of the counterpart German and European applications, respectively. For the references that are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. A translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicant, however, and an English Abstract is attached thereto.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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